

Remarks

I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY.

The already-pending claims of this application (claims 11-28) are copied from U.S. Patent B1-4,369,563, issued May 13, 1986, to Williamson ("the Williamson Patent"). The only Office Action in this case was dated July 17, 1989, to which applicant responded on August 9, 1989, requesting that the case be put into interference with the Williamson Patent. Applicant also filed on August 19, 1991, a Supplemental Amendment correcting certain details in the genealogy.

The Office Action in this case rejected the claims under Section 112, for failure to disclose a "storage means." However, since that time, the same Examiner and the undersigned attorney have been working on similar claims in copending application Serial No. 07/636,414, which has a virtually identical specification. Applicant's review of the case file reveals formal interview reports on March 25 and July 9, 1992. Applicant filed papers, some of which were quite lengthy and detailed, on or about August 9, November 19, and December 30, 1991; January 13, May 15, June 12, August 27, and December 4, 1992; and January 28 and February 24, 1993. In particular, the papers filed November 19, 1991, May 15, 1992, August 27, 1992, and the two formal interviews all squarely deal with Section 112 issues, based on the same Examiner's raising of that issue in application 251,656, which is a parent both to this case and to the '414 application. During those interviews, the Examiner indicated his position that resolution of the pending rejections in the '414 application would govern the Office's action in this case.

In a brief telephone interview on May 11, 1993, the Examiner informed the undersigned that, based on the extensive proceedings in the '414 application, he was ready to declare an interference as to all claims in conflict with Williamson, and that certain of the claims then pending in the '414 case in his view conflicted with Williamson. Applicant has, therefore, cancelled from the '414 application those claims that the Examiner indicated should be involved in the interference, and he is transferring to this application those cancelled claims.

As previously stated in the '414 case, applicant does not admit that the copied claims actually interfere, but he is willing to defer pressing that argument in view of his belief that the interference can be readily and promptly decided in his favor. Applicant reserves his right to argue that the claims being copied into this case do not actually interfere with the Williamson Patent and should be directly allowable.

In view of the unusually detailed prosecution and citation of references in the copending '414 application, applicant respectfully urges that the Examiner—and the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, when an interference is declared—refer as necessary to that application and the detailed responses and disclosures identified above. Applicant submits that, without a review of that material, it would be impossible to understand the status of the claims and the positions of the applicant and the Office thus far. In the interest of avoiding unnecessary duplication, applicant will not file duplicates of that material in this application file but is willing to submit specific papers, references, or the entire case file, upon request.

II. THE CORRESPONDENCE OF THE CLAIMS TO THE '414 APPLICATION.

To further assist the Examiner in correlating the events that transpired in the '414 application, applicant submits the following identification of the numbering used in the '414 application and the corresponding new numbers used to add the claims to this application, above in this paper:

<u>Claim # Here</u>	<u>Claim # from 07/636,414</u>
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Further, to avoid additional confusion, applicant has not altered the transferred claims significantly, and the overwhelming majority of changes consist of the most minor of form changes such as conforming the numbering.

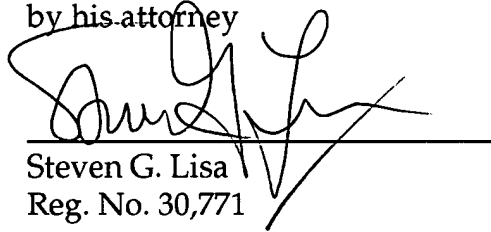
Applicant respectfully requests that an interference with the Williamson Patent be declared promptly and handled expeditiously.

Conclusion

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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